Sale of coal-tar in Bihar

†1726. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of petroleum companies selling coal-tar (bitumin) in Bihar;

(b) the annual consumption of coal-tar in Bihar;

(c) the demand of coal-tar during the last three years in Bihar; and

(d) the Details of quantity supplied as per the demand and the time taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Bitumin is sold by the following Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in Bihar:

(i) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(ii) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(iii) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

(b) and (c) The annual consumption of Bitumin in Bihar for the last three years is as follows:—

(in MTs)

2000-2001 — 78736

2001-2002 — 37417

2002-2003 — 45338

(d) All orders placed on PSUs were supplied in time in Bihar as per indentor's programme. No orders are pending for supply.

Supply of LPG to Assam

1727. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd July, 2003 and state the quantum of LPG supplied to the State of Assam together with its demand during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): The total sale of LPG in the State of Assam by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the last three Years is as under:—

Year	Consumption (in TMT)
2000-2001	112
2001-2002	126
2002-2003	138

The LPG supply made by OMCs during the last three years in the State of Assam is in line with the demand of their registered consumers.

Auto Fuel Policy

1728. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a comprehensive auto fuel policy to control pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the fuel standards; and

(c) the modalities and structure of the proposed authority to implement the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed Auto Fuel Policy as recommended by Mashelkar Committee is aimed to be a comprehensive policy that addreses the question of suitable auto fuels, their availability and security of supplies, vehicle technology, emission reduction in a cost effective means for bringing about progressive improvements by reducing the impact of vehicular emissions on ambient air. As per the road map for implementation of vehicular emission norms, with effect form 1.4.2005, fuel corresponding to Bharat Stage-II norms is planned to be introduced in the entire country and in respect of selected cities fuel corresponding to Euro-III norms is planned to be introduced *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005.

(c) The Mashelkar Committee has recommended setting up of a National Automobile Pollution and Fuel Authority (NAPFA), to be entrusted with the task of enforcing the policy.